

The Book of 1 Peter (15)

The Believer's Eternal Hope (1:3-2:10)

1. The Need for a Study of Heaven
 - A. Confusion on Heaven
 - B. Our Hope in Heaven
 - C. Heaven and Our Inheritance in 1 Peter
 - D. Our Inheritance (Finished/Unfinished Business)
 - E. Our Inheritance Confused
2. The Origins of a Spiritualized View of Heaven
 - A. Summary of Platonic Thought, Hinduism, and Buddhism
 - 1) Platonic Thought
 - 2) Hinduism
 - 3) Buddhism
 - 4) Commonalities
 - B. Early Church Adoption: Movements (Gnosticism)
 - C. Early Church Adoption: Individuals
 - 1) In General
 - 2) In Augustine
 - D. During the Reformation
 - 1) Calvin
 - 2) Luther
 - E. During the Afterglow of the Reformation
 - F. Revelation 4-5, a Test Case
 1. Proposal
 2. Evaluation
 - a. The Situation
 - b. The Problem
 - 1) Because of Jesus?
 - 2) Because of Salvation's Scope? (2 Cor. 4:16-5:4)
 - a) The Fact of the Believer's Focus on Eternal Things (4:16-18)
 - b) The Reason for the Believer's Focus on Eternal Things (5:1-3)
 - (1) What We Know (5:1)
 - (2) What We Experience (5:2)
 - (3) What We Will Experience (5:3)
 - c) The Implication of the Believer's Focus on Eternal Things (5:4)
 - 3) Because of Man's Purpose!